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For : DISPLAY DEVICE AND METHOD OF CONTROLLING ITS BRIGHTNESS

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner of Patents
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

Prior to an examination of the above-captioned application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to enter the following amendments to the claims:

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel, without prejudice, claims 1-20.

Please enter new claims 21-28, as follows:

--21. A display device, comprising:

a display having a display screen that displays an image with a luminance corresponding to a video signal, and an outer peripheral portion adjacent to said display screen;

a temperature estimation device that estimates, from said video signal, a temperature value corresponding to a display screen temperature;

an operation device that determines a temperature difference estimate value in

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